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Dear Eric!

Brief note:
Accepted a job as super-
visor radiation research at
Goodyear in Akron & go to
work there Sept!

Enclosed token is
from Mr. Arvid O. Johnson
1120 Rossell St.
Oak Park, Ill.
what is the story on it
for both his & my
benefit— return directly to
him.

October 3, 1963

Mr. Arrid O. Johnson
1120 Rossell St.
Oak Park, Illinois

Dear Mr.Johnson:

My friend, George Fuld, forwarded to me for examination, the Inimica-Americana which you forwarded to him.

The piece has a specific gravity of 9.4 which indicates it is not copper in the interior which it should be. It weighs 113 grains. The center of the piece on each side is very weak, the stars in the reverse barely showing and the figure on the obverse being quite weak. There are also two diagonal lines crossing the top of the bow which are not die breaks but which are defects in the electrotype. Many of the dentils on the edge are not in accordance with the die of the original and have been added because the electrotype was weak in those areas. The edge has a line around it typical of electrotypes.

In view of the fact that this organization collects various forgeries of this nature for reference purposes, we are wondering if you have any particular desire to retain this piece or whether you would accept another similar type forgery for it. If you wish you could have a genuine Colonial piece of modest value for it. We will, of course, want you to be entirely satisfied if there is any exchange. If you want it returned, please do not hesitate to say so.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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CC: Dr. George Fuld

October 9, 1963

Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of October 3, I wish to thank you for your comprehensive analysis of the Inimica-Americana electro-copy which George Fuld had forwarded to your office for inspection.

I must confess my ignorance of your society and its functions, at least up to the time I met George Fuld. George was introduced to me at my home by Mr. Ben Odesser at the time of George's last visit to Chicago. At that time I showed George and Ben my collection of Washington pieces, as well as my copies and restrikes of colonial coins and tokens. George was interested in the above-mentioned electro, particularly in the marking of the edge; he borrowed same for study and inspection, both by himself and by your office.

Inasmuch as you have now finished your study of this piece, I would appreciate it if you will return same to me. I would also appreciate receiving any further information which you might have available regarding restrikes and electro-types of colonial coins.

Yours very truly,

A. O. Johnson

Arvid O. Johnson
1120 Rossell Avenue
Oak Park, Illinois

October 14, 1963

Mr. Arvid O. Johnson
1120 Rossell Avenue
Oak Park, Illinois

Dear Mr. Johnson:

There is returned herewith the electro of the Inimica, in accordance with your request.

You also asked for information regarding restrikes and electros of Colonial coins. I presume you have Kenney's "Struck Copies of Colonial Coins". You might read some of the material I have written, such as "The Secret of the Good Samaritan Shilling", "A Snake Breeds a St. Patrick Farthing", May, 1963, Numismatist, and "A Dangerous Oak Tree Shilling Copy Appears", February, 1963, Numismatist.

If you have any specific problem you are researching, I probably can be of more help.

I am writing now on the restrikes of the Fugio pieces.

Sincerelyyours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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Apology

A. L.
Ollie Johnson
Oak Park, Ill

Washington
Engraved edge

Ben Odesser

I sent 158 Parkside
Chicago 44

October 28, 1963

Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Attention of Mr. Eric P. Newman

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your letter of October 14; I acknowledge return of the electro of Inimica.

Regarding the second paragraph of your letter pertaining to restrikes and electros of colonial coins, I have the newspaper clippings of the articles mentioned but would like very much to have these in pamphlet form, either singly, or preferably collectively in event they are available in this manner. When you complete your writing on the restrikes of the Fugio pieces. I would be pleased to receive a copy of this also. Needless to say, I shall be glad to honor any nominal charge for these pamphlets.

Yours very truly,

Arvid O. Johnson

Arvid O. Johnson
1120 Rossell Avenue
Oak Park, Illinois

August 24, 1964

Mr. Arvid O. Johnson
1120 Rossell Avenue
Oak Park, Illinois

Dear Mr. Johnson:

When I met Mr. Ben Odesser, at the Cleveland Convention of the American Numismatic Association, he indicated that you were disturbed at me, or at George Fuld, in connection with an electrotype of an Inimica Americana which Mr. Fuld borrowed and which was sent to me and returned by me to you. Mr. Odesser was embarrassed, I think, because Mr. Fuld did not return it directly to you and sent it to me and I told him that I certainly did not want to let this matter leave you with a bad taste. Those of us in extensivenumismatic research cooperate with one another by sending coins for examination and I hope you realize this is the only way in which this work can make substantial headway.

In any event, Mr. Odesser was merely trying to do a good turn and I am sure you will understand that "all's well that ends well".

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

CC: Mr.Ben Odesser
158 Parkside
Chicago 44, Illinois

November 23, 1965

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Your talk on Colonial Counterfeit Paper Notes presented at Roosevelt University November 10th was appreciated very much by the writer.

I thought that the slides which you had prepared were exceptionally good, and I would just take this opportunity to congratulate you.

Sincerely yours

Arvid O. Johnson
AJ

Arvid O. Johnson
1120 North Rossell
Oak Park, Illinois

November 30, 1965

Mr. Arvid O. Johnson
1120 North Rossell
Oak Park, Illinois

Dear Mr. Johnson:

It was very kind of you to write me concerning your enjoyment of the talk I gave at Roosevelt University. I hope it was also educational to the rest of the class and want you to know that it was a pleasure to prepare a program of that nature.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

bc:
Mr. Art Kagin

EPN/atb

Arvid O Johnson
1120 Russell Ave
Oak Park, Ill
60302

Vt Ry 13
retained to
[illegible]

August 24, 1966

Mr. Arvid O. Johnson
1120 Rossell Avenue
Oak Park, Illinois 60302

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We acknowledge, with appreciation, your gift to this organization of a Vermont Copper Ryder 13 which has curiously been altered from 1787 to 1788 and which has been strengthened in its design by retooling.

This will add to our group of coins which have been skillfully altered.

Thank you for thinking of us.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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